

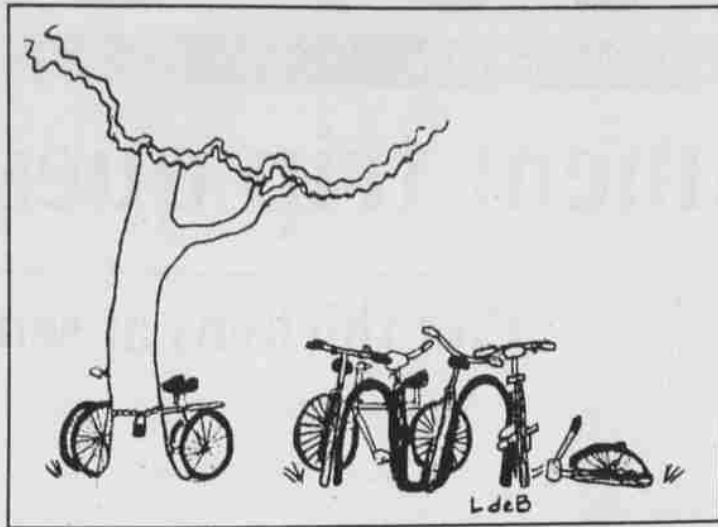
Bike parking problems should be temporary

by William Holt

The university student is renowned for having thrifty spending habits during his college career. In many cases, a student, often 20 years old and up, will resort to the bicycle as a sole means of transportation.

Dennis Swartzell, UNLV Grounds supervisor, cited the example of Arizona State, where there are literally thousands of bicyclists on campus every day. This university has two separate lanes for travel between buildings, one for pedestrians and one for the bicycle.

The bicycle has been the premise of some suggestions in solving the pollution problem such as in the comedy *American Graffiti* during the 1970s. It's inexpensive, economical, requires little maintenance and doesn't emit any toxic fumes into our already polluted environment.



Swartzell said that he supports the use of bicycles on campus. He said he doesn't see a problem in riding them on university sidewalks, but he does see problems when students begin to lock their bikes to poles, trees and staircase railings, especially onto railings used by the handicapped.

"When students use trees as bike racks, we have prob-

lems when the sprinklers get them wet," Swartzell said. "This also makes it hard for maintenance to do their work when they have to maneuver around a parked bicycle.

"Using light poles and signs instead of a bike rack is uncalled for. I especially don't like to see bikes parked in the pathway of ramps used by wheelchairs. This makes a handi-

capped person have to maneuver around the bike as he's attempting to enter the building," he said.

Swartzell also discourages the practice of bringing bicycles into buildings.

"The interior of a building is threatened when people use an office to park their bike. Walls will be marred and corners will be chipped," he said.

UNLV Parking Enforcement Supervisor Tom Hudak said his department will put warnings on a parked bicycle if its owner has repeatedly used an inappropriate location to leave his bike.

"If it has been left there for an outstanding period of time, we'll cut the lock and impound it," he said.

Recently, the Grounds Department has been removing the older bike racks and replacing them with a modern version.

The black "U" shaped rods taking the place of traditional racks around campus are called "U-Lock."

Swartzell said he liked this model because it is attractive and has a vinyl exterior so the finish on the bicycle isn't blemished. "The main concept of the U-Lock is that it is best used with the Kryptonite style locks."

"Our goal is definitely to provide enough space for all bicyclists attending UNLV," Swartzell said.

The amount of U-Locks currently installed is only one third of the total shipment ordered last summer, according to Swartzell. He said U-Lock installation is not a top priority for the Grounds Department. He plans to install the remaining two thirds during "free afternoons" and plans to have all U-Locks ready for campus use within the next few months.

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\$450,000 for workforce reduction, coming close to \$3.6 million.

The remaining budget cuts will come from the 1992-93 school year, monies over and above the present year's allocations. These cuts include \$224,672 in special equipment for the Thomas & Mack Center, \$204,437 in estate taxes, \$360,523 in new equipment and furniture for the proposed new faculty, \$1,187,697 in new support monies including the library, financial aid, registrar, public safety and scholarships, \$288,480 in scholarships, \$349,896 for graduate assistants, \$233,514 in new classified positions, \$2,361,403 in new faculty positions, \$498,074 in fringe benefits and \$2.6 million to be determined, coming to a total of \$8.34 million.

The first draft of the proposed budget cuts is to be finished by Feb. 7, for a preliminary meeting, so that the Board of Regents can have the proposal ready

UNLV introduces new student IDs

by Jonathan Weber

Students bid farewell to a bygone era as new student identification cards with a \$5 to \$10 charge are introduced this semester. The sharp new cards, with the magnetic strip on the back, are only the beginning of what could soon be a "cash-less campus."

Though now limited to facilities in the Moyer Student Union (ID booth and outdoor recreation desk), as early as March students will be using their cards as part of an on-line validation/debit system. Initial applications for the new ID system will involve verification of student information, check cashing and other transactions through the student ID desk.

This first phase of the new system will be closely monitored, giving ample time for "working the bugs out," according to Eric Walters, assistant director of MSU Activities.

"From there, we'll make proposals to the rest of the campus," Walters said. "For example, maybe athletics wants to buy into the system and get a card-reader at their locations. If things are acceptable with

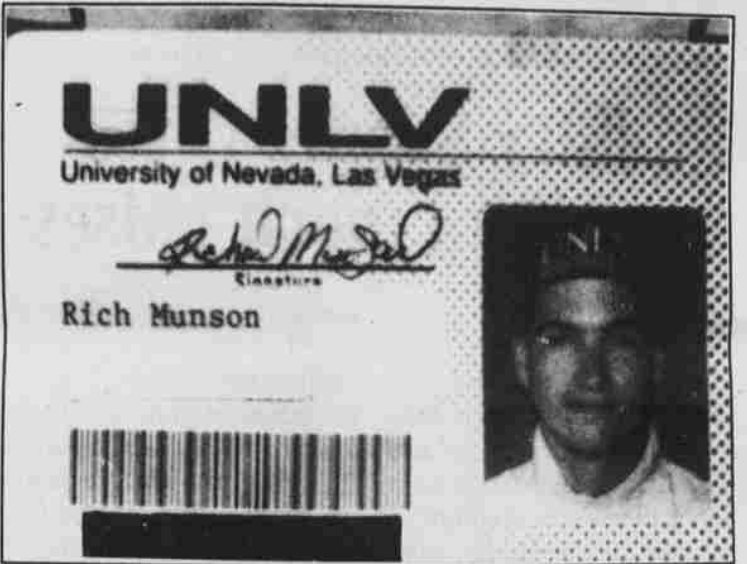
them, they'll get a card-reader that will 'talk' with our main system."

Walters anticipates other campus facilities will begin to join the on-line validation system by fall semester. Venders will also get in on the action, eventually installing card-readers on vending machines after terms with UNLV are negotiated. In order to use the card to make a purchase, the student will first establish a balance through the Student Activities office with which he can make charges against.

According to Theresa Chiang, director of MSU, students would be credited for using the new card in such facilities as the dining commons or bookstore.

"We're working with management teams from food services and the bookstore to provide some kind of incentive for students to utilize the new system," Chiang said.

The new validation/debit system is equipped with an accounting package which will provide itemized statements which could be sent to students regarding their account. Walters said he hopes students



The new-and-improved student ID cards.

photo by Rick Nielson

will see the advantages of the new IDs in spite of the charge.

Funds collected from new card sales and semester revalidations will replenish the card system.

Robert Ackerman, vice president for Student Services, offered another perspective on the need for the new ID system.

"We had problems with students who would register for classes, pick up basketball tickets and then drop their courses. We really had no way to keep

track of those people who had IDs but weren't students," he said.

In the future, students' registration will be verified instantaneously. Ackerman said the same ID system UNLV is adopting has already proven successful at many other schools around the nation.

"This system protects the integrity of the card and it's privileges," he said. "The students who use them will find them very advantageous."

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Graduate College has Exploration Day

The Graduate College at UNLV is expecting some 500 potential students to attend Graduate College Exploration Day on Feb. 6 from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the lobby of Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall.

The event is free and open to anyone interested in pursuing graduate education at UNLV.

Representatives from 40 academic departments and some 65 graduate degree programs will be present to offer advice and assistance for those who already hold bachelor's degrees and wish to continue their educations, according to

Cheryl Bowles, associate dean of the Graduate College.

"This event is informational," Bowles said. "It is a good chance to talk to faculty, as well as graduate students, from the wide variety of degree programs we offer."

Representatives of the Extended Education and Student Financial Services office will be present, as well as members of the Graduate Student Association. Scholarship, fellowship and graduate assistantship information will be available.

"Prospective students who attend Graduate Exploration

Day will be able to accomplish a lot, in one place and in a short time," Bowles said.

According to Dean Ron Smith of the graduate college, UNLV now enrolls the largest number of graduate students in the state.

"In 1985, we had 28 graduate programs," Smith said. "Today we have 65. Just two years ago, we enrolled 2,200 graduate students. Today that number is 3,200."

For more information about Graduate College Exploration Day, call Cheryl Bowles at 739-3320.